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Receipt is acknowledged of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) and a submission, filed on December 22, 2003. The submission, however, is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because new Claims 47-71 were submitted without canceling Claims 47-71 submitted on October 21, 2003 and automatically entered upon filing of the RCE (upon filing an RCE the Finality is withdrawn and any previously filed unentered amendments are entered). Therefore, there are two non-identical sets of Claims 47-71 (compare claim 64 for example). Applicant is reminded that if new claims are submitted, the numbering should begin with the number after the last claim previously pending (in this case, Claim 72) regardless of whether or not the previously pending claims are cancelled. Since the submission appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office action, applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, to submit a complete reply. This shortened statutory period for reply supersedes the time period set in the prior Office action. This time period may be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Holly Schnizer whose telephone number is (571) 272-0958. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8 am to 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Low can be reached on (571) 272-0951. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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